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Subject: Gallatin Canyon rifle range

Jason,

I would like to address my support for continuing the current use of the rifle range located in the Gallatin Canyon south of Big Sky MT.

The range gets a lot of use. Most times I drive past it randomly, there are people, usually more than 2 or 3, using the range for practice and sighting guns in.

Closing the range down will cause people to find alternative places to discharge their firearms on public lands. There will be an increase in such use if the range is closed.

The conflict between people using the public lands for recreation and someone using the same areas for shooting practice could be dangerous.

I understand and have seen firsthand the issue of the trash left there. Not sure of the solution – there are local residents that take the time to clean it when possible.

Please let me know if there is anything I can assist with for the range's future use.

Thank you

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